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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jabali Rucker, DOB 11/23/73, of Beloit, pleaded guilty yesterday in U.S. District Court in Madison to possessing crack cocaine with intent to distribute.

Rucker and his co-defendant, Concepcion Relerford, DOB 12/31/72, of Beloit, and 21 other individuals were indicted on May 10, 2006, for their involvement in the distribution of narcotics in Rock County. Rucker is the first of these defendants to plead guilty. Relerford's trial is scheduled for August 28, 2006.

U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz scheduled sentencing for August 30, 2006. Rucker faces a mandatory minimum five years in prison, and up to a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison, a \$2,000,000 fine, and at least four years of supervised release after the completion of his prison term. Rucker's prison term will be served without the possibility of parole.

The charges against Rucker were the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Janesville Police Department, the Beloit Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the State Line Area Narcotics Team (SLANT), and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of

Criminal Investigations - Narcotics Bureau. Prosecution of the case has been handled  
by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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